

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY (SOLE)

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As the below named Inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship, are as stated on the following page of this document next to my name; and

I believe I am the original, first, and sole Inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought under and in accordance with applicable statutes of the United States of America (Title 35, United States Code) on the invention entitled:

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLEANING A MILK LINE SYSTEM

the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed Nov. 27, 2001, Application Serial No. 09/993,061, and was amended \_\_\_\_\_ [if applicable].

I further hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe my invention, as described in the subject Application, was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this Application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this Application, as required by statutes of the United States of America and implementing rules (37 CFR §1.56(a)).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365 of any foreign application or applications for patent or Inventor's certificate listed below. Also, unless otherwise set forth below, there is no foreign application for patent or Inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**PRIOR FOREIGN & INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
1001158	the Netherlands	08.09.1995

**PRIORITY CLAIMED**

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
X	

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States Application or Applications listed below. Insofar as the subject matter of each claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior listed United States Application or Applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as required by statute and implementing rules (37 CFR §1.56(a)) which became available between the effective filing date of the prior application and the effective national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby appoint as my attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this Application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:


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